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3. The disclosure on page 2 of the present specification and the submission of Ono, F. et al translated by Aizawa. M. Saisei Igaku, Regenerative Medicine, NTS Publications, 1/31/2002, p. 258 submitted herewith constitutes a concise explanation of the document.

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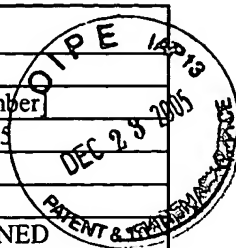
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